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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) 1978 FIELD
STUDIES PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE(NWC)AND THE
INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (ICAF), APRIL 9-22.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A. THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY IS CURRENTLY PLANNING
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ITS INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL 9-22. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD GUIDANCE WHICH REQUIRES
THAT FIELD STUDIES BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL OR
GROUP RESEARCH EFFORTS, FIELD STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN
A MORE INDIVIDUALIZED MANNER THIS YEAR FOR BOTH NWC AND
ICAF, THE TWO CONSTITUENT COLLEGES OF NDU. FEWER NWC AND
ICAF STUDENTS WILL BE TRAVELING ABROAD THIS YEAR, TRIPS

WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION, NOT MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN LENGTH, AND CONSIST OF SMALL NUMBERS OF STUDENTS ENGAGING IN SPECIFIC LINES OF INQUIRY AND RESEARCH.

B. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WE SEEK MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS OF FULFILLING PURPOSES OF FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM. OWING TO

SEVERE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS THIS YEAR, MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP ECONOMY FOREMOST IN MIND IN SCHEDULING AND ARRANGING FOR MINIMUM COST, ADEQUATE LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION.

2. NWC

A. ALL NWC STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDIES WILL HAVE TAKEN AN INTENSIVE COURSE ON AREAS TO BE VISITED. AREA COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR STRATEGIC, MILITARY, POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL TRENDS OF AREAS AS THEY AFFECT US SECURITY INTERESTS. IN ADDITION TO EXAMINING THIS BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES, EACH STUDENT IS BEING ASSIGNED ONE SPECIFIC TOPIC FOR IN-DEPTH RESEARCH AND STUDY, USING INFORMATION AND DATA OBTAINED DURING FIELD STUDY FOR PREPARATION OF REQUIRED ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS.

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B. NWC STUDENTS WOULD WELCOME BRIEFINGS FROM US MISSION CHIEF OR MEMBERS OF HIS SENIOR STAFF AND WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO MEET WITH TOP HOST COUNTRY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHIEF OF STATE AND MINISTERS IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND ADVISABLE, BUT SUCH MEETINGS ARE LEFT ENTIRELY TO THE DISCRETION OF THE MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL REQUEST A NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS TO ENABLE INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS TO PURSUE SPECIALIZED LINES OF RESEARCH.

C. WE WILL LOOK TO MISSIONS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL ON BEST AND MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO ACHIEVE BROADER EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF FIELD STUDIES, ESPECIALLY IN CERTAIN HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREAS SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, MILITARY STRATEGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. A MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF OUR SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS IN YOUR COUNTRY WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

3. ICAF

THIS YEAR THE ICAF HAS INTRODUCED A GROUP RESEARCH PROGRAM

IN WHICH STUDENTS ANALYZE THE KINDS OF TOUGH, REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS THAT WILL CONFRONT THEM AS SENIOR DEFENSE MANAGERS. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED INTO TASK FORCE STUDY GROUPS. BASED ON RESEARCH PLANS DEVELOPED BY THE STUDY GROUPS, VISITS TO SPECIFIC NATIONAL SECURITY-RELATED AND DEFENSE-RELATED INSTITUTIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES OVER WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED LOCALLY OR DOMESTICALLY.

THE PROPOSED FOREIGN VISITS WILL AVERAGE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN DURATION. THE TRAVEL WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SMALL GROUPS OF GENERALLY FROM 2 TO 6 STUDENTS. IN EACH COUNTRY THAT STUDENTS WILL VISIT, WE PROPOSE TO SEND A PRE-TRIP COORDINATOR FROM THE ICAF FACULTY SOME SIX WEEKS
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PRIOR TO THE STUDENTS' VISITS TO ASSIST THE DESIGNATED MISSION CONTROL OFFICERS IN MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. ITINERARIES

A. NWC GROUP-5 WILL CONSIST OF FIVE STUDENTS AND ONE FACULTY (WE DO NOT INTEND TO HAVE A SENIOR MILITARY OR DIPLOMATIC TRIP LEADER.) MEMBER AND WILL VISIT YOUR COUNTRIES WITH THE PLANNED FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

9 APRIL - ARRIVE LISBON
12 APRIL - DEPART LISBON FOR MADRID
18 APRIL - DEPART MADRID FOR ROME (MEETS WITH NWC GROUP 6)
22 APRIL - DEPART ROME FOR WASHINGTON

B. ICAF PLANS TO HAVE A TOTAL OF FOUR STUDENTS VISIT ROME, NAPLES, AND LEGHORN DURING THE PERIOD 9-15 APRIL. UPON ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY, THE STUDENTS WILL SUB-DIVIDE INTO SMALL GROUPS TO VISIT SELECTED CITIES AMONG THOSE LISTED TO RESEARCH SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST. ICAF PRE-TRIP COORDINATOR WILL PROVIDE DETAILED SCHEDULES INCLUDING NUMBERS OF STUDENTS WHO WILL VISIT EACH CITY ON SPECIFIC DATES. ICAF WILL NOT VISIT LISBON OR MADRID THIS YEAR.

5. CONTROL OFFICERS

A. DUE TO THE DIVERSE NATURE OF THE RESEARCH EFFORT OF THE TWO COLLEGES AS IT RELATES TO THE FOREIGN TRAVEL, MISSIONS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DESIGNATING SEPARATE MISSION CONTROL OFFICERS FOR EACH COLLEGE. REQUEST NAME, POSITION, ADDRESS AND OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OF CONTROL
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OFFICER DESIGNATED FOR EACH COUNTRY AND MISSION.

B. NWC FACULTY CONTROL OFFICER FOR NWC-5 WILL BE COLONEL HARRY W. JOHNSON, TELEPHONE 202-693-8589.

6. REQUEST THAT COMMANDANT, ICAF (ROME ONLY) AND COMMANDANT, NWC, BOTH WASHINGTON, D.C., BE MADE INFO ADDRESSEES ON REPLIES TO THIS MESSAGE AND THAT SUBJECT LINE OF EACH MESSAGE FOR NWC CONTAIN NWC TRIP NUMBERS; FOR EXAMPLE, NWC-5.

INDICATED REF A. REQUEST APPROACH BE MADE TO HOST GOVERNMENT AS REQUIRED. UPON RECEIPT OF REPLIES TO THIS MESSAGE, DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH ICAF AND NWC IS AUTHORIZED WITH INFO COPIES TO STATE, JCS, AND OASD/ISA. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO MESSAGE TRAFFIC, MISSION CONTROL OFFICERS MAY UTILIZE THE NWC AUTOMATIC ANSWERING DEVICE (AREA CODE 202, NUMBER 693-1388; AUTOVON 223-1388) TO LEAVE RECORDED MESSAGES THAT ARE TIME-SENSITIVE. THIS DEVICE IS IN OPERATION TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY. IT IS ROUTINELY MONITORED DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS, AND WILL BE MONITORED DURING EXTENDED HOURS FROM 1 APRIL 1978 THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF OVERSEAS TRAVELS BY NWC PERSONNEL.

8. LETTERS WITH MORE DETAIL ON RECOMMENDED SCHEDULES WILL FOLLOW TO MISSIONS CONCERNED AFTER RESPONSES TO THIS MESSAGE RECEIVED.

9. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE BY MARCH 7, 1978. VANCE

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